

Appendix B CEQA Environmental Checklist

The following CEQA Environmental Checklist identifies physical, biological, social and economic factors that might be affected by the proposed project. The CEQA impact levels include potentially significant impact, less than significant impact with mitigation, less than significant impact, and no impact. Please refer to the following for detailed discussions regarding impacts under CEQA:

- Guidance: Title 14, Chapter 3, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.
- Statutes: Division 13, California Public Resource Code, Sections 21000-21178.1

In many cases, background studies performed in connection with the project indicate no impacts. A "no impact" reflects this determination. Any needed discussion is included in the section following the checklist.

The words "significant" and "significance" used throughout the checklist are related to CEQA, not NEPA, impacts (unless otherwise noted). CEQA requires that environmental documents determine significant or potentially significant impacts, NEPA does not. Addressing significant or potentially significant impacts in joint CEQA and NEPA environmental documents can be confusing, especially in those instances where the two laws and implementing regulations have different thresholds of significance. Under NEPA, the degree of impact to a resource is used only to determine which NEPA document is necessary. Once the federal agency has determined the magnitude of a project's impacts and the level of documentation required, it is the magnitude of the impact that is evaluated in the environmental document, not the degree of significance. For the purpose of the impact discussion in this document, determination of significant or potentially significant impacts is made only in the context of CEQA.

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AESTHETICS (see Section 3.6) - Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			\checkmark	
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic building within a state scenic highway? Visual changes due to removal of mature trees/vegetation and construction of soundwalls; replacement planting and aesthetic design treatment provided. (See Section 3.6.4)		Ø		
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			V	
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
AGRICULTURE RESOURCES (see Section 3.3) – In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?			V	
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				

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c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				V
AIR QUALITY (see Section 3.12) - Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\checkmark
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				\checkmark
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				Ø
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentration?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES (see Section 3.15) - Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? Habitat replacement will mitigate impacts; see Section 3.15.3.4.		V		

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b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			\checkmark	
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? Less than 0.5 acres affected. Mitigation banking or on-site/in kind replacement of wetlands will compensate for impacts. (See Section 3.15.2.4)				
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				Ø
COMMUNITY RESOURCES (see Section 3.4) - Would the project:				
a) Cause disruption of orderly planned development?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
b) Be inconsistent with a Coastal Zone Management Plan?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
c) Affect life-styles, or neighborhood character or stability?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
d) Physically divide an established community?				$\overline{\checkmark}$

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e) Affect minority, low-income, elderly, disabled, transit-dependent, or other specific interest group?				
f) Affect employment, industry, or commerce, or require the displacement of businesses or farms? Relocation assistance provided. (See Section 3.4.3; Appendix D)			Ø	
g) Affect property values or the local tax base?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
h) Affect any community facilities (including medical, educational, scientific, or religious institutions, ceremonial sites or sacred shrines?				\checkmark
i) Result in alterations to waterborne, rail, or air traffic?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
j) Support large commercial or residential development?				
k) Affect wild or scenic rivers or natural landmarks?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
1) Result in substantial impacts associated with construction activities (e.g., noise, dust, temporary drainage, traffic detours, and temporary access, etc.)? Best Management Practices would minimize construction phase impacts. (See Section 3.16)				
CULTURAL RESOURCES (see Section 3.7) - Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				\checkmark
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				$\overline{\checkmark}$

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c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				\checkmark
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
GEOLOGY AND SOILS (see Section 3.10) - Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				V
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. The project will conform to current seismic design standards. (See Section 3.10)			Ø	
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? The project will conform to current seismic design standards (See Section 3.10)				
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? The project will conform to current seismic design standards (See Section 3.10)			$\overline{\checkmark}$	
iv) Landslides?			\checkmark	
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				\checkmark
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				

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d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property.				
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				
HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (see Section 3.11) - Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				\checkmark
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				V
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous material, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				Ø
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				

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f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\checkmark
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				7
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				V
HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY (see Section 3.8) - Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				

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e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				V
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				7
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
LAND USE AND PLANNING (see Section 3.2) - Would the project:				
a) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				V
b) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				\checkmark
MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\checkmark

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b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				V
NOISE (see Section 3.13) - Would the project:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? Noise Abatement Measures will reduce noise levels (See Section 3.13.4)		Ø		
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? Noise Abatement Measures will reduce noise levels for sensitive receptors (See Section 3.13.4)		Ø		
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? Construction noise will be minimized by equipment noise control and administrative measures. (See Section 3.16.12)			V	
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\checkmark
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\checkmark

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olimits}$ or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing lacksquareelsewhere? Relocation Assistance provided. (See Section 3.4.3.1; Appendix D) c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of ablareplacement housing elsewhere? Relocation Assistance provided. (See Section 3.4.3.1; Appendix D) **PUBLIC SERVICES** (see Section 3.4.2) a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: Fire protection? Police protection? Schools?

Parks?

Other public facilities?

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RECREATION (see Section 3.4.2) -				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				V
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				Ø
TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC (see Section 3.1) - Would the project:				
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				V
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				Ø
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incomplete uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				\checkmark
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				

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g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? Project supports alternative transportation modes.				V
UTILITY AND SERVICE SYSTEMS (see Section 3.5) - Would the project:				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				7
e) Result in determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				V
f) Be served by a landfill with insufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

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effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of

c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either

probable future projects)?

directly or indirectly?

(see Chapter 4)